

CCB Technical Assistance Network



Afterschool Investments provides information and tools to create and sustain successful partnerships between CCDF grantees and public and private afterschool partners. (202) 587-1000 • www.nccic.org/afterschool



The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations of Early Learning strengthens the capacity of child care and Head Start programs to promote the social and emotional well-being of young children. (217) 333-0260 • www.csefel.uiuc.edu



Child Care Aware links families to local agencies that help them find and select quality child care. (800) 424-2246 • www.childcareaware.org



Healthy Child Care America improves the health and well-being of children in child care settings, in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics. (888) 227-5409 • www.nccic.org/hcca



The National Child Care Information Center provides a wide variety of child care information and offers technical assistance to State child care staff. (800) 616-2242 • www.nccic.org



National Infant & Toddler Child Care Initiative

National Infant & Toddler Child Care Initiative works with States to establish infant and toddler child care systems and to improve key indicators for infants and toddlers. (202) 638-1144 • www.nccic.org/itcc



Quality in Linking Together (QUILT) supports partnerships between early childhood programs to increase the availability of quality full-day, full-year care for children and families. (877) 867-8458 • www.nccic.org/QUILT



The Tribal Child Care Technical Assistance Center provides targeted technical assistance services to more than 500 Tribes. (800) 388-7670 • www.nccic.org/tribal



The Child Care Research Collaboration and Archive provides Web-based access to reports, papers, briefs, data, and other research-based information on child care and early education to researchers, policymakers, and others. www.childcareresearch.org



Promoting School Readiness

President Bush's *Good Start, Grow Smart* early childhood initiative prepares children to read and succeed in school through improved early childhood development programs. The Child Care Bureau (CCB) works to strengthen early learning for young children in formal and informal child care settings by providing technical assistance in support of the following:

- Voluntary State guidelines for children ages 3 to 5 on literacy, language, prereading, and math that align with State K-12 standards.
- Statewide professional development and training of child care teachers, providers, and administrators, enabling them to support the school readiness of children.
- Coordination across early childhood programs and funding streams.

The President knows that the work to make sure *no child is left behind* starts well before kindergarten. *Good Start, Grow Smart* challenges all of us who care for children — parents, extended family, child care providers, and policymakers — to work together to prepare them to succeed in school and in life.

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Helping Children and Families Succeed Through Early Care & Education

The Child Care Bureau supports low-income working families through child care financial assistance and promotes children's learning by improving the quality of early care and education and afterschool programs.



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families



Child Care Bureau: What We Do

Program Administration – The Child Care Bureau administers the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) (also known as the Child Care and Development Block Grant). CCB tracks States' implementation of CCDF and identifies trends, program achievements, and best practices.

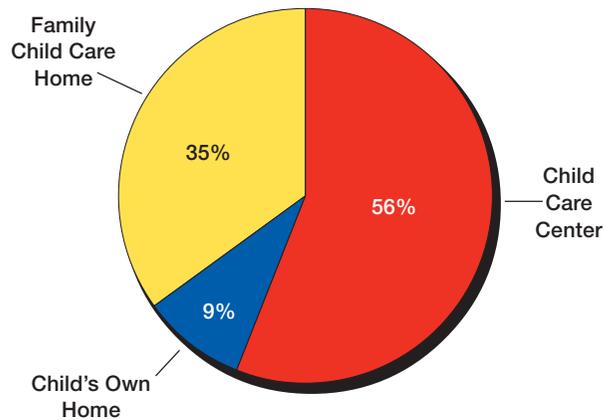
CCB awards a limited number of Early Learning Opportunities Act grants to communities to support, expand, and better coordinate early learning opportunities for young children.

Policy – CCB supports States in establishing child care policies and programs that take advantage of the flexibility that CCDF offers and that respond to the needs of children and families.

Research – CCB funds policy-related research and evaluation and disseminates findings that document emerging trends in the child care field and encourage evidence-based practices.

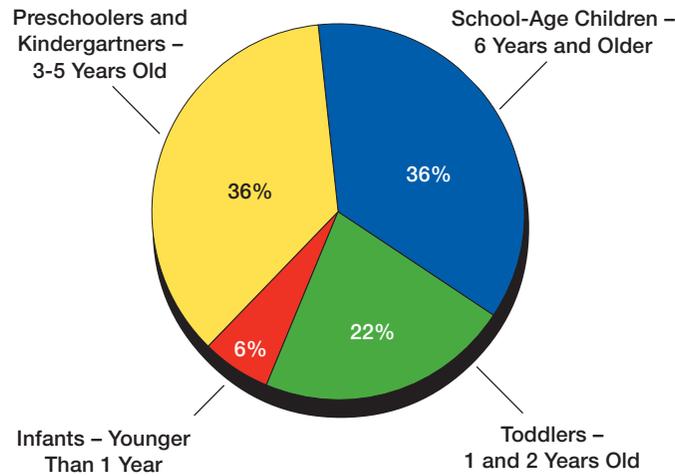
Technical Assistance – CCB offers a variety of technical assistance and professional development projects that target the needs of State, Territorial, and Tribal CCDF staff.

Parental Choice of Child Care Settings



Note: The chart above shows the percentage of children receiving CCDF subsidies who are cared for in different types of settings. These settings include licensed child care settings, settings exempt from State licensing, and care by relatives or neighbors.

Ages of Children Served Through CCDF



Who We Serve

Children from birth through age 12 receive subsidized child care and benefit from quality improvements funded by CCDF. States have the option to serve children 13 to 19 years of age who have special needs.

Parents in low-income families receive help paying for child care at a provider of their choice. All parents may receive consumer education on topics such as what to look for in a quality child care provider.

Child care providers receive reimbursement that enables them to serve low-income families and draw on extensive State networks of training and technical assistance to help them provide high-quality services.

States, Tribes, and Territories administer CCDF and use it to leverage additional early education investments. States, Tribes, and Territories receive technical assistance from CCB and use our research to guide their policy and programmatic decisions.



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Child Care and Development Fund



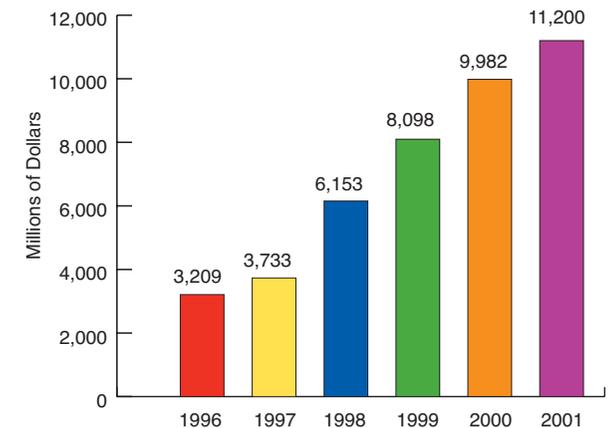
The Child Care and Development Fund is a multibillion dollar Federal and State partnership administered by CCB to promote family economic self-sufficiency and to help children succeed in school and in life through affordable, high-quality early care and education and afterschool programs.

CCDF, along with the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program and related funding streams, provides more than \$11 billion each year to States, Tribes, and Territories to enable low-income families to access quality child care, which in turn makes it possible for more parents to leave welfare and to achieve self-sufficiency. Nationally, more than 1.8 million children receive subsidized child care funded through CCDF each month.

Parental Choice – State child care programs serve most families through vouchers that allow parents to choose from a wide range of providers in the child care market. Parent choices cross a broad spectrum, from child care centers to relative caregivers.



CCDF and TANF-Related Child Care Funding



CCDF leverages investments from TANF, State funds, and other sources, all of which totaled more than \$11 billion in FY 2001.